

**(57) Abstract:** A calibration method for print engines is disclosed herein. In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises the steps of: providing a calibration chart (101) having a first array of reference colours thereon; printing a separate test sheet (102) at step (301) from a said print engine; the test sheet (102) having a second array of test colours thereon, each test colour corresponding to one reference colour of the first array; arranging both sheets (101, 102) together; scanning the sheets (101, 102) at step (302) to capture a digital image of the reference and test colours; analysing the colour characteristics at step (303) to obtain the colour difference between corresponding pairs of reference and test colours; and compensating any colour difference at step (304) by automatically adjusting the printer in accordance with the colour difference.